

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT.

"THE SINGING PREACHER" AND HIS WIFE SHOWING FIGHT.**Weathy Mr. Bielbush and His Friends—A Successful Gang Broken Up—A Sanguinary Struggle with a Member of the Gang.***From the *Cassius Express*.*

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23.—No greater sensation, in a criminal way, has occurred here for a long time than that caused by the arrest, at an early hour this morning of seven persons, on the charge of being interested in the execution of counterfeit money. The arrests were made by Secret Service Agents and U. S. Marshals, the prisoners taken being Fred, Bielbush, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, John Sullivan (colored); Henry Woods, Reinhard Rose, and William Whalen.

For many months the Government has had information of the circulation of a vast number of well executed counterfeit half-dollars here, and the agents have been hard at work, but very secretly, in an endeavor to find the operators, whose shrewdness in avoiding detection has been something exceptional. The suspected gang has been under strict surveillance, and last spring the alleged leader of it, Fred, Bielbush, was indicted for counterfeiting. There was not sufficient proof to convict him, and he was released. But, during the year, he was watched more closely than before, and proof obtained against him and others hitherto unsuspected of complicity.

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While they were searching the house, and on entering it, found Mrs. Thomas, who had been there all day. One of the men, who was attempting to shoot her guardian with a big horse pistol, which he had picked up while Wheeler was looking about the room. He had no idea of his purpose, but intended to take away the revolver. She was such a powerful woman, and struggled so, that it was all two men could do, and driving to the Four Courts by Tyrrell and Wheeler; and Thomas, who recently declared that no three men could take him alive, was taken to the Mount St. Station, and thence to the Four Courts.

Meanwhile Officers Tyrrell and Wheeler, at 11:20 o'clock that night, were at Barnes' station, and were told that Mrs. Thomas had been taken away. They left him and went to Dr. A. S. Barnes' residence, 1313 Eastern Avenue. Tyrrell went to the rear of the house, and, on hearing gun shots, and Dr. Barnes, and Dr. Thomas at the door. Dr. Barnes was asked if Sullivan, the negro, was there. Barnes refused to let them in, and sent for a policeman. Sullivan, who was in the yard, in a hole in a large brick barn in the yard, Wheeler called to him to stop, and fired at him. The negro ran through the yard, and, as he did so, the door was open, and he was hit, but was covered by a revolver and forced to yield.

The officers then started for Dr. Barnes' house, which was just behind the counter counting money. The doors were locked. Some of the men went to the back of the place and others to the front, and the man was taken to the police station.

This morning at about 6 o'clock Soren and Tyrrell found Woods hitching up a horse in his stable, and saw him go to the office. About 10 o'clock, when he came across Whalen in Missouri Park. Both were taken into custody and locked up in the Four Courts. The officers found some papers in the office, which showed the costs incurred by Mrs. Cornwells West in prosecuting her libel suit against the prisoner.

Carmansville Scene.

Policeman Patrick Barry of Carmansville and in his garden a cross belonging to his neighbor, Mrs. Sarah Barry, clung to the ground, and Mrs. Barry attacked the policeman with an empty lemon soda bottle. The policeman was not injured, but did not press his complaint, and Justice Wandal received her.

The Long Branch Indictment.

PRESCOTT, N. J., Oct. 27.—The report that Mr. Warren Leland, Jr., had been indicted for a disorderly house at Long Branch, was erroneous. He was indicted early this month for selling beer on the Long Branch, and his trial was set down for Oct. 31. This is the only indictment that has been found against Mr. Leland.

STRIKE IN A SILK FACTORY.

The Wages of Forty Raised and those of Two Hundred and Fifty Reduced.

Two hundred and fifty girls hitherto employed in John H. Stearns & Co.'s silk factory in East Forty-second street, near Second avenue, have struck. Last week notice was posted that weavers on handkerchiefs, upholstery, and that class of goods must submit to a reduction of two cents a yard. This embraced 250 of the 300 girls employed, and they resisted. They were making from \$4 to \$5 a week. The reduction decreases their wages about \$1 a week. At the time of this reduction weavers of gros grain and other dress goods were given an advance of two cents.

"We have been reduced," one striker said, "from 12 to 20 cents during this year, and now we make but very poor wages. It is hard work, and we have to work from 6 to 7 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock at night. The other day one of the girls was fined \$2 for putting down her work. This is hard work, but we have to do it." The same day Mr. Stearns to pay for the artisan's well that has cost him \$10,000, and it is a little. He has just come to New York, and Europe, and has brought a large amount of money in Fifth Avenue. All this we pay for, and we don't propose to do it without a protest.

The girls, who profit by the advance in their branch of the weaving are not inclined to strike. One said: "I worked on gros grain and made about \$1 in the course of the week. We are to make but very poor wages. Mr. Stearns has always treated us well, and this thing is done to make wages more even. A good many of the other girls are anxious to go to work, but their leaders will not let them. They can now make more money than we can."

WILLIAMS.

More Testimony as to His Conduct Taken, but No Indictment Yet.

The detectives of Capt. Williams' precinct were transferred for duty yesterday to the anteroom of the Grand Jury. They were on the alert there, under the stern eye of Williams, who towered among them in full uniform. More of Williams' officers, in uniform, sat about the ante-room, awaiting an opportunity to testify for Williams, who stalked in and out, nervously, between the two rooms. At 11 o'clock, and Captain Starr told his office in attendance that the case of Williams and Fleming was to be resumed. Samson, Williams' lawyer, and his co-counsel, his testimony as to the robbery. Then Messrs. C. V. De Forest and Amodeo Trovato testified as to Williams and Fleming's use of their services, and the former's connection with the New York Hospital, and Fisher, testifying as to the nature of Charles W. Smith's trial, and the conduct of the defense. Then the Grand Jury told the other witnesses of the finding that they must return to lay, and adjourned. It was then 1 o'clock, and it was 2 o'clock when the trial began. It was not until 4 o'clock that the trial began for the term, and that no indictment can be found by the present Grand Jury after the adjournment.

Testing in Wall Street.

A sneak thief entered the office of the Howe Silver Mining Company, at 44 Wall street, soon after the office was opened yesterday morning, and carried out a gold watch and chain, worth \$100. He is a native of Roberts, who is employed by the banks, and the thief in a chisel and street pawnshop, where it had been bought for \$10.

MR. TILDEN MUST ANSWER;**Provided the Decision of Judge Blatchford is Sustained on Appeal.**

Judge Blatchford heard argument in the suit of the United States against Samuel J. Tilden yesterday on the question of the defendant to the bill of discovery filed by the plaintiff. That is the income tax suit. The bill of discovery drawn by the United States Attorney contains several hundred interrogatories addressed to Mr. Tilden and intended to be put to him before trial regarding his property and sources of income from 1862 to 1873. The chief ground on which the defendant demurs is that during the time which the suit covers the Government assessors of internal revenue made assessments of the defendant's income as provided by law, and imposed on him a penalty, as the law also prescribed, for his failure to return voluntarily the amount of his income; that the amount of tax so assessed and the penalties imposed in each instance were paid in full by the defendant, and that the assessment of the Government was not entitled to the imposition of the penalty, and that the defendant's prompt and complete payment of both amounts concurred the Government from the date of the filing of the bill of discovery.

The District Attorney, in opposing the demur, held that the District Court had already decided that the complaint in the case contained no cause of action, and that the questions relied on in the motion now raised for the defendant. The Government having a good cause of action had the right to institute the prosecution, and the defendant was bound by the ruling of Judge Blatchford himself in the case of Beardis against Little.

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